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# Office Action Summary

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## Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Objections*

1. Claims 1, 5 and 9 are objected to because of the following informalities: the acronym 'ASP' used in the claims should be spelled out. Appropriate correction is required.

Claims 7 and 8 are objected to because of the following informalities: the article 'an' used in the claims should be the article 'a'. Appropriate correction is required.

Claims 7 and 8 are objected to because of the following informalities: the claim limitation of claim 7 is duplicated to claim limitation of claim 8. Appropriate correction is required.

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Stuart et al. (US Pub. No. 2002/0101858).

Regarding claims 1 and 9, Stuart teaches providing a short-range radio frequency communications system, the system having a communications server (i.e., host computing device) connected to a computer communications network over a physical communications link medium, the system being configured both to provide provider (i.e., ASP) services over short-

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range radio communications links to portable devices (i.e., wireless devices) in a wireless LAN (WLAN) (i.e., personal area network (PAN)), and also to receive provider services from other providers in the computer communications network over the physical communications link medium (abstract; fig.1, 2, 5; page 4, paragraph 0043, page 5, paragraphs 0044, 0045, 0048, page 6, paragraph 0059).

Stuart further teaches establishing a short-range radio communications link with a portable device in the WLAN (fig.1; page 5, paragraph 0045, 0048).

Stuart further teaches receiving requests for selected provider services from the portable device (fig.1, 5; page 5, paragraphs 0046, 0048, page 6, paragraphs 0057-0059).

Stuart further teaches determining if the communications server can provide the requested provider services without requiring further assistance from another provider (fig.1, 5; page 5, paragraphs 0046, 0048, page 6, paragraphs 0057-0059).

Stuart further teaches if the communications server cannot provide the requested provider services without requiring further assistance from another provider, retrieving the requested provider services from another provider over the physical communications link medium and forwarding retrieved provider services to the portable device in the WLAN over the short-range radio communications link (fig.1, 5; page 5, paragraphs 0045, 0046, 0048, page 6, paragraphs 0057-0059).

Regarding claims 2 and 10, Stuart teaches establishing a BLUETOOTH-based communications link with the portable device (fig.1; page 5, paragraphs 0045, 0048).

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Regarding claims 3, 4, 11 and 12, Stuart teaches establishing an 802.11 standard (i.e., IEEE 802.11b and IEEE 802.11a) based communications link with said portable device (fig.1; page 5, paragraphs 0045, 0048).

Regarding claim 5 is rejected for the same reasons as discussed above with respect to claim 1. Furthermore, Stuart teaches a list of provider services which can be accessed by the portable devices in the WLAN, the list indicating which provider services can be distributed to the portable devices in the WLAN, the provider services in the list residing locally in the host computing system and remotely in provider servers in the communications network (fig.1, 5; page 5, paragraphs 0045, 0046, 0048, page 6, paragraphs 0057-0059).

Regarding claim 6, Stuart teaches a short-range radio communications system configured in accordance with BLUETOOTH specifications (fig.1; page 5, paragraph 0045).

Regarding claims 7 and 8, a short-range radio communications system configured in accordance with 802.11 standard (i.e., IEEE 802.11b) (fig.1; page 5, paragraph 0045).

### ***Conclusion***

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Jonsson (U.S. Patent No. 6,574,467) teach Method and apparatus of invoking services in a telecommunications terminal, Moran et al. (U.S. Patent No. 2002/0086689) teach Wireless message rerouting method for use in metropolitan market, involves transmitting wireless message to destination device through service provider responding to ping message, Granberg et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,128,503) teach Method and apparatus for coordinating mobile communications network services with intelligent network services and Huang et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,438,369) teach Mobile station redirecting method involves sending redirection instructions

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for establishing communication with different and preferred service provider, to remote switching center, if center does not belong to preferred provider.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Md S Elahee whose telephone number is (703) 305-4822. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon to Fri from 8:30am to 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Fan Tsang can be reached on (703) 305-4895. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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